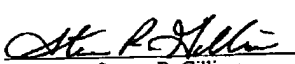


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REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 15, 2004. Claims 1-9, 13-29 and 32-55 were examined. Claims 34-48 and 50-55 were allowed. The Office indicated that claims 6, 20, and 23 include allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 6 and intervening claim 5. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 23. Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of its parent claim 16 and intervening claim 19. Claims 5 - 7, 13 - 15, 23 - 29, 32 - 33, and 49 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In summary, claims 1 - 4, 8 - 9, 16 - 18, 20 - 22, 34 - 48, and 50 - 55 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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